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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(MBHB Case No. 01-1731)

In the Application of:

Brent Townshend

Serial No.: 10/068,457

Filed: February 6, 2002

Title: Automatic Reading System and Methods

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) Group Art Unit: 2131
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P.O. Box 1450
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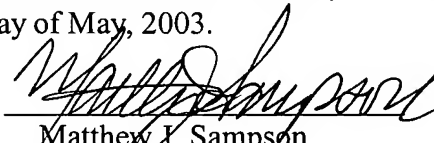
1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - A. Petition to Revive under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) with Exhibits
 - B. Return Receipt Postcard
2. With respect to additional fees:

	A. No additional fee is required.
X	B. Attached is a check in the amount of \$ <u>650.00</u>

3. CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and papers, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service, with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 13th day of May, 2003.

Dated: May 13, 2003

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PETITION TO REVIVE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)

Dear Sir:

Applicant has not received a Notice of Abandonment from the Office and believes that he has fully complied with the Rules and Regulations of the Office. However, pursuant to the prepublication notice entitled "Reminder that Rescission of a Nonpublication Request is Not Itself a Notice of Foreign Filing" posted on the Patent Office Web site on April 16, 2003, it appears that the above-captioned application may be deemed abandoned if this prepublication notice is given retroactive effect by the Office. Therefore, out of an abundance of caution, Applicant submits this petition to revive in case the application is deemed to have been abandoned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.213(c).

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.213(a), Applicant submitted a request for nonpublication with this application upon filing.

Applicant subsequently filed a corresponding international application with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as PCT Receiving Office, which is identified on the Notice attached hereto at Tab A. Within 45 days of the international filing, Applicant filed a Request to Rescind Previous Nonpublication, a copy of which is submitted herewith at Tab B.

Applicant believes that its filing of the Request to Rescind Previous Nonpublication within 45 days of the international filing constituted full compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.213(c), based on the note in Form PTO/SB/36 (10-01 version) explaining generally that "filing this rescission of a previous nonpublication request is considered the notice of a subsequent foreign or international filing required by 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)." However, the April 16, 2003, prepublication notice now suggests that the Patent Office might not consider a Request to Rescind, in and of itself, to constitute sufficient notice of foreign or international filing.

In addition, Applicant believes that the act of filing the international application with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as PCT Receiving Office constituted notice to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the international filing, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.213(c).

If the Office considers this application to be abandoned, then Applicant hereby requests revival of the application. Applicant hereby states that the entire delay in notifying the Office as in the Notice at Tab A of the international filing until the filing of this petition was unintentional.

If the Office does not consider this application to be abandoned, then Applicant requests refund of the enclosed petition fee. Further, even if the Office considers this

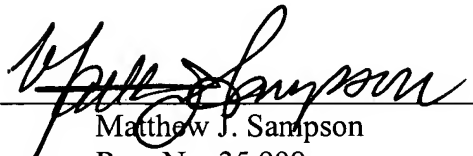
application to be abandoned, Applicant respectfully requests the Office to waive and refund the enclosed petition fee due to the ambiguity in Form PTO/SB/36 (10-01).

Respectfully submitted,

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